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Applicants: Smith, S.

Examiner: Isabella, D.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of one-month is hereby requested to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Final Office Action was mailed August 17, and an Advisory Acton was mailed on October 18, 2006

A one-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date November 17, 2006. The requisite fee in the amount of \$120.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is believed to be due, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for this amount.

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If any additional fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 or credit our Deposit Account for such sum. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this submission or any future submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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